

We are sorry the Deference we have and always shall pay - to her Majesty's Royal Commands and Instructions is taken for a slighting your House and leading you and your Posterity into very great Inconveniences and tho' we shall always show a great Regard for the Welfare of this Province in which we as great an Interest as any and to you their Representatives yet at the same time you must give us leave to assert our Duty to her Majesty the Hon<sup>r</sup> of this Board, and our own Reputations

Signed by Order Mr. Lader (V. C.)

which being read and debated in the House Resolved the following Message be again sent to their Honours

By the House of Delegates 3. Nov. 1711

We are sorry your Honours misconstrue our Address, and may well be ignorant of your having Commands not to displace any Justice without Cause shewed to her Majesty you never having communicated them to us We presume that her Majesty knows not that any of them are as well Ministerial as Judicial Officers nor that the Ministerial Office is executed without any Oath taken. Certainly if the Public declaiming the Laws past here to be of no Force before her Majesty's Disassent thereto signified be not an Aggrievance we know not what is We may well assert the laying the Levy to be the great Cause of calling us together since it's the first thing you communicated to us at the Opening this Session, and for no truth in us, which Expression we have great Reason to resent

We know of no Threats in our Address of going Home without asserting the publick Charge but still are of Opinion not to assent to it without removing our Aggrievances which are a greater Burthen than call another Assembly who we doubt not will insist upon it too - we having nothing more before us but to wait your Honours Commands to be discharged

Signed by Order Rich<sup>d</sup> Dilliam Esq<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Sent up to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Council by Col<sup>o</sup> Smithson, Mr. Mariantee, Mr. Scott, Mr. Bradford, Mr. Robins and Captain Jones

The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Coursoy, Col<sup>o</sup> Esmalls, and Col<sup>o</sup> Addison enter the House and deliver Mr. Speaker the following Message. By the Hon<sup>ble</sup> President & Council in Assembly Nov 3. 1711 We never heard that any of the Justices of the Provincial Court ever publicly declared any Laws legally passed in this Province were of no Force before her Majesty's Disassent thereto, and if any Opinions have been given by them concerning Laws Enacted by two of three Estates and not the other conform to what her Majesty has been pleased to approve of and said before you this Session we cannot unless unless we thought it proceeded of Corruption think the Persons guilty of any Crime for uttering the same neither can we on the narrowest Scrutiny find any Difference between Sir Thomas Lawrence and the present Deputy Secretary acting in the Provincial Court as a Judge and Secretary and wish you to reflect that Security is given for the Ministerial Office by the Secretary in Chief and the Clerk of that Court sworn to keep a true Record and the Person pointed at has taken an Oath for the due Execution of his Judicial Office In which if you have any just Accusation against him or any other we are ready to hear you, if not we hope you will not further press us any farther of this Score but faithfully execute the Trust reposed in you by concluding this Session to <sup>the</sup> best Advantage and Service of the Country.

Gent<sup>l</sup> After such amicable Procedures as have been this Session between us,